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ABSTRACT: This invention relates to a vertebral endplate chisel comprising:

- a) a base having upper and lower portions, and proximal and distal portions,
- b) an upper shaving portion extending distally from the upper base portion,
- 5 c) a lower shaving portion extending distally from the lower base portion,  
the upper and lower shaving portions being disposed substantially parallel to each  
other and each having a width, and
- d) a guide integrally connected to and extending distally from the base and having a  
width, the guide located between the shaving portions and having a width
- 10 wherein the width of the guide is no more than 95% of the width of the upper shaving  
portion.

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